GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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BLACKMARKETING OF LPG CYLINDERS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the black marketing of LPG cylinders in the country ;

(b) if so, the number of complaints received against the gas agencies during 2004, State-wise ;

(c) the action taken by the Government against the agencies ; and

(d) the measures being taken to ensure regular supply of gas?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS & PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) & (b) : Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have received 27 established complaints against their LPG distributors during the year 2004 pertaining to overcharging on domestic cylinders. The State-wise details are given in the Annex.

(c) : Action against the erring distributors has been taken as per Marketing Discipline Guidelines (MDG) / Distributorship Agreement.

(d) : OMCs have not reported any backlog of LPG to their registered customers and say the entire demand of LPG is being met in full.

ANNEXE

DETAILS OF ESTABLISHED COMPLAINTS OF OVER-CHARGING BY DISTRIBUTORS.

Sl.No.	States/Uts	Number of distributors found indulging in overcharging
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1
2.	Bihar	5
3.	Delhi	1
4.	Gujarat	2
5.	Madhya Pradesh	3
6.	Maharashtra	1
7	Punjab	2
8.	Rajasthan	2
9.	Tamil Nadu	1
10.	Uttar Pradesh	8
11.	West Bengal	1
TOTAL		27